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VA explores new Veteran-centric treatments through Center for Compassionate Innovation

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the launch of the Center for Compassionate Innovation (CCI), which will explore emerging therapies that may enhance Veterans' physical and mental well-being.

In addition, VA is accepting proposals to fulfill CCI's mission of finding innovative approaches to health care, which may support those Veterans who are unsuccessful with conventional treatment. Proposals may be submitted through <https://www.va.gov/healthpartnerships/> and will be evaluated through a rigorous algorithm that critically assesses the safety and efficacy of the innovation.

"VA is unique in our approach to health care," said [Veterans](#) Affairs Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We are committed to offering Veterans cutting-edge and innovative care. That means carefully exploring every avenue that will promote well-being."

CCI explores innovations in the health-care industry as well as innovative practices currently being piloted on a small scale within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). CCI is primarily interested in innovations that address post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain and suicidality. However, CCI will explore any safe and ethical innovation intended to improve Veterans' health and well-being.

CCI is not an implementation office intended to conduct research, clinical treatment or establish a vendor relationship. CCI is strategically positioned to spotlight cutting-edge therapies and treatment modalities emerging in private industry. CCI is an example of VA's quest to continue as a leader in providing innovative and effective treatments for Veterans.

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